President of Krishna Gramin Bank

4543. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any legal bar in accepting the Area Manager of a Regional Rural Bank as President, duly elected, of any Regional Rural Bank Officers' Association; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the management of Krishna Gramin Bank refusing to accept its area manager as President?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The formation and recognition of workers Union in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) is governed by the code of discipline. The RRBs can recognise the workmen's union in accordance with the instructions laid on the subject. In regard to officers there is no objection to the management of a RRB permitting them of form a service association. As regards the membership of associatin and the identification of its officer bearers, there is no specific instruction from Government or NABARD. Normally, there can be no legal bar in any officer accepting and discharging the functions of an office bearer of a service association of officers.

(b) The Board of Directors of Krishna Gramin Bank felt in their meeting held on 26th September, 1991 that the area manager of the Bank was a part of the top management and has onerous responsibilities in performance of his duties, which may get affected if he became an office bearer of the association. The Board of Directors has, therefore, resolved that the area manager may resign from the post of the President of the association. However, the said area manager continues to be the

Check on use of Government Vehicles

4544. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to ensure minimum consumption of petrol by Government vehicles and ensure use of Government vehicles only on genuine ground;

(b) whether Government are aware that vehicles of Government officials are being misused to collect their children from schools/colleges and for shopping; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to maintain austerity in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Information is given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below).

(b) and (c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Ministry of Finance. Certain category of senior officers are, however, permitted to use staff cars for private purposes on payment at prescribed rates.

Statement

(i) Instructions were issued to all Ministries/Departments in June, 1990 that from 1990-91 onwards, consumption of petrol and diesel in Government vehicles, including Staff Cars, should be reduced by 20% over the consumption of petrol and diesel during 1989-90. These instructions were reiterated in April, 1991. Further instructions were issued on 1.8.1991 to all Ministries/Departments that total expenditure on petrol/diesel to be incurred during 1991-92 shall be restricted to the expenditure incurred during 1990-91 on the quantity of petrol/diesel fixed by applying a 20% cut on the consumption of petrol/diesel during 1989-90.

(ii) Instructions exist that Government vehicles, except when on deployment for emergency and